

DESIGNATED SUBJECTS SPECIAL SUBJECTS TEACHING CREDENTIALS
(Regulations effective 3-23-84)

The six Special Subjects Teaching Credentials (Aviation Flight Instruction, Aviation Ground Instruction, Basic Military Drill, Reserve Officers Training Corps., Driver Education and Training, and Limited Driver Training) are issued to individuals who meet the requirements listed below and who apply through and are recommended by either a Commission-approved Local Education Agency (LEA) or by an Employing School District (ESD). A list of approved LEAs (form CL-506) is enclosed.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FIVE-YEAR PRELIMINARY CREDENTIAL

1. Verification of four years of experience or education as specified below. At least one year of the experience must be within the three-year period immediately preceding the issuance of the credential.

Aviation Flight Instruction or **Aviation Ground Instruction** -- experience must be verified by copies of flight logs.

Basic Military Drill -- experience must be verified by the Adjutant General of the State of California.

Reserve Officers Training Corps. (ROTC) -- experience must be verified by the branch of the military service sponsoring the program in the employing school district.

Driver Education and Training -- education must include a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university verified by official transcript.

Limited Driver Training -- experience must be verified by submission of a current transcript of driving record from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

2. Possession of the appropriate license, completion of the appropriate course work, or recommendation from the appropriate agency as specified below:

Aviation Flight Instruction or **Aviation Ground Instruction** -- possession of a properly rated valid certificate issued by the Federal Aviation Agency.

Basic Military Drill -- recommendation from the Adjutant General of the State of California.

Reserve Officers Training Corps. (ROTC) -- recommendation from the branch of military service sponsoring the program in the employing school district.

Driver Education and Training -- possession of a valid California driver's license and completion of twelve semester hours of subject-matter course work in driver education.

Limited Driver Training -- possession of a valid California driver's license, a written statement from the employing school district attesting to the applicant's ability to actually perform behind-the-wheel driver instruction, and a written assurance from the ESD that adequate supervision and appropriate staff development will be provided for the individual receiving the limited driver training authorization.

3. Possession of a high school diploma or passage of the GED test or passage of the California High School Proficiency Examination or possession of the foreign equivalent of a high school diploma.
4. Completion of a two semester (or three quarter) unit course in the provisions and principles of the United States Constitution or passage of an examination in the subject given by a regionally accredited college or university.
5. Passage of the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) for the Driver Education and Training credential only.
6. Verification by the ESD or LEA that the applicant is aware of the requirements for the clear credential.

NOTE: A preliminary Special Subjects Credential valid for ONE YEAR may be issued to applicants who have completed all requirements except #4, U.S. Constitution. The credential may be extended to its full five-year term upon application once the requirements are met.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLEAR CREDENTIAL

1. Possession of the appropriate valid preliminary Special Subjects Credential.
2. Verification by the ESD of two years of successful teaching experience as authorized by the preliminary credential. Two years of experience is defined as follows:
 - a. teaching a minimum of one course in each of four semesters within the five-year period of validity of the preliminary credential, and
 - b. the renewal of an employment contract or other employment agreement with one ESD for a minimum of three of the four semesters.
3. Verification by an LEA that the applicant has completed nine semester units, or 135 clock hours, in a Commission-approved program of personalized preparation.
4. Completion of a unit requirement in health education, including, but not limited to, nutrition, the physiological and sociological effects of abuse of alcohol, narcotics, and drugs, and the use of tobacco. This requirement must also include training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) which meets, or is equivalent to, the standards set by the American Heart Association in its Heartsaver course (adult and pediatric heartsaver) or the community CPR course (includes adult, infant, and child CPR; choke rescue; and rescue breathing) offered by the American Red Cross. CPR certification must be current when applying for the professional clear credential, or the date the Commission on Teacher Credentialing clears or verifies that this requirement has been met.

NOTE: As outlined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, several California credentials, permits, and certificates require an applicant to hold a valid California teaching credential as a prerequisite. Education Code §44203(e)(2) states that the CLEAR FULL-TIME Designated Subjects Credential fulfills this Title 5 requirement if the holder also possesses a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university and has passed the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST). These provisions became effective on October 5, 1993, as a result of a change to the statute.

AUTHORIZATION: The preliminary or clear Special Subjects Teaching Credential authorizes the holder to teach the subject named on the credential in grades 12 and below, and classes organized primarily for adults.

Reference: Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Section 80037